

**Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner)**  
**Regular Meeting – December 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm**  
**Newtown Municipal Center, Council Chamber**

**Members Present:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Warden Craig Washington, Chief Kullgren, Bruce Clark, Joy Previdi, Matthew Mihalcik, Jennifer Chaudhary, and Mary Sally

**Absent:** Patrick Reilly, David Applegate, Capt. Bishop and Bob Gerbert

**Also Present:** one member of the public

First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**Public Participation:** Doug Lord from C.H. Booth Library would like to attract the 300 employees that are employed at Garner Correctional Facility. They are a full-service public library. They have a wide array of streaming, digital and audio. They can use a library card from any town. If they do not have a library card from the town they live in, the staff at C.H. Booth Library will help them get one.

**Minutes:** Matthew Mahalick moved to accept the minutes of September 6, 2022. Bruce Clark seconded. All in favor.

**Warden's Report:**

The current inmate population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 522 which includes 275 sentenced and 247 un-sentenced. There are two general population units, the rest are mental health. There are 13 Level 5 inmates (in administrative segregation), 304 Level 4 inmates, 136 Level 3 inmates, 62 Level 2 inmates and 6 Level 1 inmates, who are eligible and approved for halfway house or work programs. Of the mental health population 31 are Level 5 (severe), 399 are Level 4, 25 are Level 3, 48 are Level 2 and 19 are Level 1.

Incidents are averaging about 82 per month. Staffing is at 84%. Posts were added, additional staffing for additional posts.

In the last three months 25 staff members and 99 inmates tested positive for Covid. The facility continues to be cleaned and sanitized. In person visitation remains suspended. They are planning for their escape drill next year. No long term issues.

**Acceptance of 2023 Meeting Calendar – Jennifer Chaudhary moved to approve the 2023 Meeting Calendar (attached). Mary Sally seconded, all in favor.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Dave, they will have supervisors come in after the new year so they get an feel for the layout.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Newtown Municipal Center at 5:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business the meeting ended at 5:13p.m.

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**2023 Meeting Schedule**

The Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner) will hold meetings at 5:00 pm in the Council Chamber at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT as follows:

Tuesday	March 7
Tuesday	June 6
Tuesday	September 5
Tuesday	December 5